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SUBJECT: PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY NOT PLANNING TO ATTEND ARAB
LEAGUE BOYCOTT MEETING

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(SBU) Post delivered points (ref a) to Ziad Karablieh, Director General of International Economic Relations in the Palestinian Authority (PA) Ministry of National Economy, on April 18. Karablieh confirmed that the PA would not be sending a representative to the Arab League boycott meeting in Damascus on April 21-24. Karablieh said that the PA has a "stable policy" of engaging with Israeli businesses and is, in fact, seeking significant Israeli participation in the upcoming Bethlehem Investment Conference. EconChief noted that a local Palestinian representative in Damascus apparently attended the November 2007 meeting after post received similar assurances (ref b). Karablieh said that he would pass our concerns to the Minister of National Economy.
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